

**EXHIBIT A**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Case No. 05-44481

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In the Matter of:

DELPHI CORPORATION, ET AL.,

Debtors.

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court

One Bowling Green

New York, New York

February 29, 2008

10:07 a.m.

B E F O R E:

HON. ROBERT D. DRAIN

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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1 Except as set forth in oral argument today, the EEOC  
2 has not carried its burden to show neglect in the first place.  
3 Ms. Malloy's declaration and more significantly her deposition  
4 transcript, reflect that she did not know when or would not say  
5 when she began her involvement in this matter. Although,  
6 ultimately, with a considerable amount of prying, her  
7 involvement went back from -- went back to sometime before May  
8 22, 2007, but after December of 2006.

9 In any event, neither from her personal knowledge or  
10 from her familiarity with the file and what others have told  
11 her, she has not offered up a reason for delay in filing a  
12 proof of claim. Such as, for example, any sort of excuses set  
13 forth by the Supreme Court or provided by example by the  
14 Supreme Court in Brunswick or Pioneer or the absence of notice  
15 of the bar date. In any event, the declaration and deposition  
16 of Mr. Gershbein show that the debtors' provided sufficient  
17 notice of the bar date to the government. As well as, of  
18 course, to the bar date order referred to in the bar date  
19 notice. And that there was no return of that notice under the  
20 case law that establishes a strong presumption of the receipt  
21 of notice, which very clearly has not been rebutted here. See  
22 In re Dana Corporation, 2007, W.L. 1577763 at page 4 (Bankr.  
23 S.D.N.Y. 2007) and In re R.H. Macy & Co., Inc., 161 B.R. 355,  
24 359 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1993), indeed, and I will come back to  
25 this. In her deposition, Ms. Malloy was asked two questions

1 first.

2 "Q. Did you need to get advance authorization from the  
3 commissioner or at EEOC headquarters in Washington prior to  
4 filing your proofs of claim, that is the proofs of claim in  
5 this case?"

6 "A. No."

7 Next question.

8 "Q. What authorizations do you need to file a proof of claim  
9 in a bankruptcy case on behalf of the EEOC?"

10 "A. I'm not aware of any particular authorizations that we  
11 require."

12 She was also asked, as a witness testifying in  
13 support of excusable neglect --

14 "Q. Are there any other basis of excusable neglect, other than  
15 in your memorandum, that the EEOC filed, of which you are  
16 aware?"

17 "A. I think the memorandum covers it."

18 Including the fact that Mr. Strauder did not even  
19 come to the EEOC, I believe it was after the bar date already  
20 at that time. And his claim, in any event, is not a pre-  
21 petition claim.

22 Moreover, even if the EEOC could be said to have  
23 proven that its delay stemmed from "neglect" as opposed to a  
24 knowing act or choice, it has not shown that such length the  
25 neglect. And again, I point out, that to my mind for purposes

1 of the Bankruptcy's Code's definition of a claim under 1015,  
2 the EEOC would have believed that there was a basis for  
3 asserting a claim at least as early as November 2006 and  
4 determined that there was a claim through its own processes on  
5 May 22, 2006. But that delay, if it does rise to the level of  
6 neglect, would be excusable. The case law dealing with  
7 analogous situations, is to the contrary, in support of the  
8 debtors' position. See for example, In re Calpine Corporation,  
9 2007 W.L. 4326738, at pages 6-7 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), holding that  
10 six-month delay between the date when one could be said to have  
11 had to file a proof of claim and the date that it was actually  
12 filed, was not excusable neglect. And noting that the  
13 claimants "had the ability to file supplemental proofs of claim  
14 at any time" have not offered any explanation as to why no such  
15 supplements were filed until such a late date. In re Northwest  
16 Airlines Corporation, 2007 W.L. 498, 295 at page 3 (Bankr.  
17 S.D.N.Y. 2007), which the Court stated "movant cannot properly  
18 ground it's excusable neglect argument on the fact that it  
19 conducted an investigation and tried to resolve the issues in  
20 good faith negotiations." All of this could be done after a  
21 filing is first made and rights are preserved. A similar point  
22 was made in In re Enron Corporation, 2007 W.L. 294, 114 (Bankr.  
23 S.D.N.Y. 2007), in which the movant sought leave to file a late  
24 proof of claim approximately twenty months after the bar date,  
25 stating that it was not sure that it had a pre-petition

1 guarantee claim against the debtor because it did not have an  
2 executed copy of the guarantee. Notwithstanding a diligent  
3 search therefore in its file, bankruptcy judge Gonzalez  
4 disagreed. Noting again, that the most important factor in the  
5 Pioneer analysis is the reason for the delay, the court found  
6 that the creditor had failed to carry its burden. In addition,  
7 to noting that the creditor had a means to obtain information  
8 in the bankruptcy case itself by getting the intervention of  
9 the court under Bankruptcy Rule 2004, the court found that it  
10 also could have filed a proof of claim without a copy of the  
11 executed guarantee, without committing perjury. And that, in  
12 fact, the bar date order permitted it to file a protected claim  
13 and explain why a copy of the guarantee was not available. See  
14 also New York Trap Rock Corporation, 153 B.R. 648 (Bankr.  
15 S.D.N.Y. 1993), in which bankruptcy judge Schwartzberg denied a  
16 Rule 9006(b) motion on the basis of prejudice to the debtor, as  
17 well as untimeliness in pursuing non-bankruptcy remedies in the  
18 face of a bar date.

19 As far as the reason for the delay argument, as well  
20 as the issue of prejudice, I conclude that the facts here or at  
21 least, if not more, compelling. The debtors here were clearly  
22 reorganizing, unlike in Enron. Moreover, I've noted the  
23 particular nature of prejudice here over and beyond the  
24 prejudice recognized in the Enron case that I've just discussed  
25 as well as New York Trap Rock whenever new claims are asserted

1 after a plan has been filed and negotiated and confirmed, that  
2 prejudice being of course the cap on claims for purposes of the  
3 EPCA and emergence from Chapter 11, which is premises on the  
4 EPCA closing. Moreover, at least from the record, the EEOC has  
5 not explained why it could not file a protective proof of  
6 claim, particularly given the fact that it had formed the  
7 belief that there was a claim at least by May 22, 2006, and  
8 arguably -- or more than arguably, would have been able to do  
9 so in November of 2006. This is particularly so, given the  
10 fact that the bar date order itself recognizes in paragraph 4  
11 limitations on who may review the supporting documentation in  
12 any proof of claim, which is over and above any rights that a  
13 claimant, such as the EEOC, would have generally under Section  
14 107 of the Bankruptcy Code, to obtain additional  
15 confidentiality protection, which this Court has repeatedly  
16 granted generally in this case, not only to the debtor but to  
17 third parties, whenever they made a reasonable case that  
18 information covered by 107 would be implicated in a public  
19 filing.

20 It was argued by counsel at oral argument, and I  
21 believe contrary to the reasonable inference one can draw from  
22 the deposition testimony of Ms. Malloy, which I believe is  
23 defended by the same counsel, that the EEOC's statute governing  
24 how it needs to process charges in bringing enforcement actions  
25 in the District Court, nevertheless precluded the EEOC from

1 filing a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case. Again See 42  
2 U.S.C. Section 2000E-5, which sets forth a process for the EEOC  
3 to review charges by persons aggrieved under the statute. As  
4 well as a process for proceeding with a civil action. In  
5 particular, it's contended in oral argument that under 42  
6 U.S.C. Section 2000E-5(b), which provides that charges shall  
7 not be made public by the Commission, that the Commission was  
8 precluded from filing a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case.  
9 And that the process set forth in Section F(1) of the statute  
10 including the process for going through conciliation before the  
11 Commission may bring a civil action also precluded the  
12 Commission from filing a proof of claim.

13           Neither counsel nor Ms. Malloy, who's also obviously  
14 an attorney for the EEOC, has been able to tell me whether  
15 indeed, the EEOC follows its practice generally in bankruptcy  
16 cases of not filing proofs of claim, even as a protective  
17 matter, until it has made a determination and commenced civil  
18 action. They state that they know nothing about how the EEOC  
19 deals with proofs of claim in Chapter 11 cases, except in  
20 respect of Ms. Malloy's own personal knowledge of this case.  
21 Which, of course, as a factual matter, begs the question since  
22 the claim here was filed only after the filing of the complaint  
23 in the Western District.

24           I've reviewed the statute, as well as the  
25 regulations, 29 C.F.R. 1600 et seq., and I believe based upon



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